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[on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/736)]

56/255. Special subjects relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002–2003

The General Assembly

I

Request for subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute contained in the report of the Director of the Institute¹

Approves the recommendation of a subvention of 213,000 United States dollars from the regular budget of the United Nations for 2002, on the understanding that no additional appropriation would be required under section 4, Disarmament, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002–2003;²

II

Joint Inspection Unit

Approves a gross budget for the Joint Inspection Unit for the biennium 2002–2003 in the amount of 7,546,100 dollars;³

III

International Civil Service Commission

Approves a gross budget for the International Civil Service Commission for the biennium 2002–2003 in the amount of 12,813,400 dollars;³

¹ A/56/359, paras. 10–12.

² A/56/6 (Sect. 4). For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 6*.

³ A/56/6 (Sect. 29). For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 6*.

IV

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2001

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General⁴ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions⁵ on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2001, on the understanding that such appropriations as may be necessary (and not exceeding 1,444,200 dollars) will be requested by the Secretary-General in the context of a consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates to be submitted to the General Assembly;

V

Administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

Having considered the report of the Standing Committee of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board to the General Assembly and to the member organizations of the Fund,⁶ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,⁷

1. *Concurs* with the recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on the administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund;
2. *Approves* expenses, chargeable directly to the Fund, totalling 74,322,400 dollars net for the biennium 2002–2003, and a decrease of 3,098,900 dollars net for the biennium 2000–2001;
3. *Authorizes* the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board to supplement voluntary contributions to the Emergency Fund for the biennium 2002–2003 by an amount not exceeding 200,000 dollars;

VI

Contingency fund

Notes that a balance of 2,192,100 dollars remains in the contingency fund;⁸

VII

Special political missions

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on the estimates in respect of matters of which the Security Council is seized,⁹ and concurs with the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee contained in its reports;¹⁰

⁴ A/C.5/56/4.

⁵ A/56/518.

⁶ A/56/289.

⁷ A/56/7/Add.1. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

⁸ See A/C.5/56/33.

⁹ A/C.5/56/25 and Add.1 and 2.

¹⁰ See A/56/7/Add.5, para. 7, A/56/7/Add.6, para. 11 and A/56/7/Add.7, para. 7. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

2. *Approves* the charge of 8 million dollars for the period from 1 January to 31 March 2002 for the 15 missions dealt with in the report of the Secretary-General¹¹ against the provision for special political missions requested under section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002–2003;

3. *Also approves* the charge of 1.7 million dollars for the period from 1 January to 31 March 2002 for the United Nations Office in Burundi¹² against the provision for special political missions requested under section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002–2003;

4. *Further approves* the charge of 1,413,400 dollars for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2002 for the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Cyprus against the provision for special political missions requested under section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002–2003;

5. *Decides* to resume its consideration of the reports of the Secretary-General on the estimates in respect of which the Security Council is seized⁹ in March 2002;

6. *Notes* that an unallocated balance of 64,648,400 dollars remains against the provision of 98,338,700 dollars for special political missions;¹³

VIII

Safety and security of United Nations personnel

Recalling section II of its resolution 55/238 of 23 December 2000,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Inter-organizational security measures: implementation of section II, Safety and security of United Nations personnel, of General Assembly resolution 55/238 of 23 December 2000,"¹⁴ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,¹⁵

1. *Endorses* the recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;¹⁵

2. *Welcomes* the agreed inter-agency cost-sharing arrangement, and requests that the apportionment of expenses be updated in 2003;

3. *Notes with concern* the lack of an accountability and responsibility mechanism in the area of field security, and requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session a comprehensive report on the establishment of a clear mechanism of accountability and responsibility, including such provisions as its scope, depth and common standards and methods of enforcing them in an inter-agency structure;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to conduct an evaluation of the United Nations security system, including the new security arrangements and the relationship and interaction between the Department of Peacekeeping Operations of the Secretariat and the Office of the United Nations Security Coordinator, and to report his findings and recommendations to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session;

¹¹ A/C.5/56/25.

¹² See A/C.5/56/25/Add.1.

¹³ See A/C.5/56/32.

¹⁴ A/56/469 and Corr.1 and 2.

¹⁵ A/56/619.

IX

International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO

Having considered section 11B, International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002–2003,¹⁶ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,¹⁷

Decides to approve the resources in the amount of 18,022,600 dollars proposed for the biennium 2002–2003 under section 11B;

X

Effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates of the effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation¹⁸ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,¹⁹

Takes note of the revised estimates arising from the recosting of the effects of changes in the rates of exchange and inflation;

XI

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects

Having considered the statement of the Secretary-General on the comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects²⁰ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,²¹

Decides to appropriate an additional amount of 1,575,700 dollars under the following sections of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002–2003: 376,400 dollars under section 3, Political affairs; 888,800 dollars under section 22, Human rights; 127,900 dollars under section 27, Management and central support services; and 182,600 dollars under section 32, Staff assessment, to be offset by a corresponding amount (182,600 dollars) under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002–2003.

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¹⁶ A/56/6 and Add.1 (Sect. 11B). For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 6*.

¹⁷ A/56/7/Add.3. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

¹⁸ A/56/659.

¹⁹ A/56/7/Add.4. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

²⁰ A/C.5/55/46 and Corr.1 and Add.1.

²¹ A/56/478.